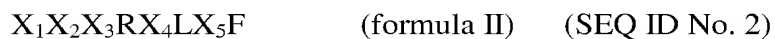


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS****Amendment to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:****1-15. (Cancelled)**

**16. (Currently Amended)** A peptide consisting of the formula $[[;]]$ :



wherein  $X_1$ ,  $X_3$  and  $X_4$  are each a natural or unnatural amino acid,  $X_2$  is serine or alanine and  $X_5$  is selected from the group consisting of glycine, isoleucine, norleucine, norvaline, cyclohexylalanine (Cha), phenylalanine and 1-naphthylalanine (1Nal).

**17. (Cancelled)**

**18. (Previously Presented)** A peptide according to claim 16, wherein  $X_1$  and  $X_4$  are both basic amino acid residues and  $X_3$  is a basic or polar residue.

**19. (Previously Presented)** A peptide according to claim 18, wherein  $X_1$  is histidine and  $X_4$  is arginine, and  $X_3$  is lysine or cysteine.

**20. (Currently Amended)** A peptide consisting of the formula $[[:]$ :



wherein  $X_1$ ,  $X_3$  and  $X_4$  are each a natural or unnatural amino acid,  $X_2$  is serine or alanine and  $X_5$  is selected from the group consisting of glycine, isoleucine, norleucine, norvaline, cyclohexylalanine (Cha), phenylalanine and 1-naphthylalanine (1Nal), wherein

- (a) one amino acid residue is deleted; or
- (b) one or more amino acid residues are substituted by the corresponding D-stereomer; or
- (c) the final two residues at the C-terminal end are reversed; or
- (d) any combination of two or more of (a), (b) and (c)~~(a)-(c)~~.

**21. (Currently Amended)** A peptide consisting of the formula $[[:]$ :



wherein  $X_5$  is selected from the group consisting of glycine, isoleucine, norleucine, norvaline, cyclohexylalanine (Cha), phenylalanine and 1-naphthylalanine (1Nal), and wherein:

- (a)  $X_1$  is deleted or is a natural or unnatural amino acid,
- (b)  $X_2$  is serine or alanine or a straight or branched chain amino acid,
- (c)  $X_3$  is a basic amino acid or straight chain aliphatic amino acid,
- (d)  $R$  is unchanged or conservatively substituted by a basic amino acid,
- (e)  $X_4$  is an amino acid that is capable of providing at least one site for participating in hydrogen bonding,
- (f)  $L$  is unchanged or conservatively substituted,  $[[\text{or}]]$ and
- (g)  $F$  is unchanged or substituted by an aromatic amino acid.

**22. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended)** A peptide consisting of the formula[[:]]:



(SEQ ID No. 2),

wherein

- (a)  $X_1$  is histidine, deleted or is a natural or unnatural amino acid residue,
- (b)  $X_2$  is alanine or a natural or unnatural amino acid residue having an aromatic or aliphatic side chain,
- (c)  $X_3$  is lysine, a basic residue, or an uncharged natural or unnatural amino acid residue,
- (d) arginine is replaced by a basic residue or an uncharged natural or unnatural amino acid residue,
- (e)  $X_4$  is arginine or a natural or unnatural amino acid residue,
- (f) leucine is replaced with a natural or unnatural amino acid residue having an aromatic or aliphatic side chain,
- (g)  $X_5$  is selected from the group consisting of isoleucine, norleucine, norvaline, cyclohexylalanine (Cha), phenylalanine and 1-naphthylalanine (1Nal),
- (h) phenylalanine is replaced with a natural or unnatural amino acid, or
- (i)  $X_5$  and the terminal phenylalanine residue are reversed.

**23. (Previously Presented)** A peptide according to claim 16, wherein  $X_2$  is alanine.

**24. (Previously Presented)** A peptide according to claim 16, wherein  $X_5$  is isoleucine.

**25. (Currently Amended)** A peptide selected from the group consisting of:

H S K R R L I F (SEQ ID No. 34)

H A K R R L I F (SEQ ID No. 35)

H S K R R L F G (SEQ ID No. 36)

H A K R R L F G (SEQ ID No. 37)

K A C R R L F G (SEQ ID No. 38)

K A C R R L I F (SEQ ID No. 39)

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H-	Ala-	Ala-	Lys-	Arg-	Arg-	Leu-	Ile-	Inc	-NH2 (SEQ ID No. 168).

**26-35. (Cancelled)**

**36. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended)** An assay for the identification of compounds that interact with a cyclin or a cyclin when complexed with the physiologically relevant CDK, comprising[[:]]:

(a) incubating a candidate compound, a cyclin or cyclin/CDK complex and a peptide consisting of formula II

$X_1X_2X_3RX_4LX_5F$  (SEQ ID No. 2)

wherein  $X_1$ ,  $X_3$  and  $X_4$  are each a natural or unnatural amino acid,  $X_2$  is serine or alanine and  $X_5$  is selected from the group consisting of glycine, isoleucine, norleucine, norvaline, cyclohexylalanine (Cha), phenylalanine and 1-naphthylalanine (1Nal),  
wherein

\_\_\_\_\_ (i) one amino acid residue is deleted; or

\_\_\_\_\_ (ii) one or more amino acid residues are substituted by the corresponding D-stereomer; or

\_\_\_\_\_ (iii) the final two residues at the C-terminal end are reversed; or

\_\_\_\_\_ (iv) any combination of two or more of (i), (ii) and (iii);

(b) detecting binding of either the candidate compound or the peptide of formula II with cyclin.

**37-40. (Cancelled)**

**41. (Withdrawn)** An assay according to claim 36, wherein the cyclin is selected from cyclin A, cyclin E or cyclin D.

**42. (Withdrawn)** An assay according to claim 41 wherein the cyclin is cyclin A.

**43. (Cancelled)**

**44. (Withdrawn)** An assay according to claim 36, wherein at least one of the assay components is bound to a solid phase.

**45. (Withdrawn)** An assay according to claim 44, wherein the p21 derived peptide is labeled such as to emit a signal when bound to said cyclin.

**46. (Withdrawn)** An assay according to claim 44, wherein the cyclin is labeled such as to emit a signal when bound to the p21 derived peptide.

**47. (Withdrawn)** An assay according to claim 45, wherein one of the assay components is labeled with a fluorescence emitter and the signal is detected using fluorescence polarisation techniques.

**48-54. (Cancelled)**

**55. (Withdrawn)** A peptide according to claim 22, wherein  $X_1$  is selected from the group consisting of histidine, alanine, 3-pyraldylalanine (Pya), 2-thienylalanine (Thi), homoserine (Hse), phenylalanine and diaminobutyric acid (Dab).

**56. (Withdrawn)** A peptide according to claim 22, wherein  $X_2$  is selected from the group consisting of alanine, glycine, aminobutyric acid (Abu), norvaline (Nva), t-butylglycine (Bug), valine, phenylglycine (Phg) and phenylalanine.

**57. (Withdrawn)** A peptide according to claim 22, wherein  $X_3$  is selected from the group consisting of lysine, arginine, norleucine (Nle), aminobutyric acid (Abu) and leucine.

**58. (Withdrawn)** A peptide according to claim 22, wherein arginine is replaced by lysine, citrulline (Cit), homoserine, histidine, norleucine (Nle) or glutamine.

**59. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended)** A peptide according to claim 22, wherein  $X_4$  is selected from the group consisting of arginine, asparagine[[s]], praline, serine, aminoisobutyric acid (Aib), sarcosine, lysine and ornithine.



**60. (Withdrawn)** A peptide according to claim 22, wherein leucine is replaced by norleucine, norvaline, cyclohexylalanine (Cha), phenylalanine or 1-naphthylalanine (1Nal).

**61. (Cancelled)**

**62. (Withdrawn)** A peptide according to claim 22, wherein phenylalanine is replaced by leucine, cyclohexylalanine (Cha), homophenylalanine (Hof), tyrosine, para-fluorophenylalanine (pFPhe), meta-fluorophenylalanine (mFPhe), tryptophan, i-naphthylalanine (1Nal), 2-naphthylalanine (2Nal), biphenylalanine (Bip) or 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid (Tic).

**63. (Withdrawn)** The peptide of claim 20, wherein one amino acid residue is deleted.

**64. (Previously Presented)** The peptide of claim 20, wherein one or more natural amino acid residue is substituted by the corresponding D-stereomer.

**65. (Cancelled)**

**66. (Previously Presented)** The peptide of claim 20, wherein the final two residues at the C-terminal end are reversed.

**67. (Previously Presented)** The peptide of claim 21, wherein  $X_1$  is deleted or is a natural or unnatural amino acid.

**68. (Previously Presented)** The peptide of claim 21, wherein  $X_2$  is serine or alanine or a straight or branched chain amino acid.

**69. (Previously Presented)** The peptide of claim 21, wherein  $X_3$  is a basic amino acid or straight chain aliphatic amino acid.

**70. (Previously Presented)** The peptide of claim 21, wherein R is unchanged or conservatively substituted by a basic amino acid.

**71. (Previously Presented)** The peptide of claim 21, wherein X<sub>4</sub> is an amino acid that is capable of providing at least one site for participating in hydrogen bonding.

**72. (Previously Presented)** The peptide of claim 21, wherein L is unchanged or conservatively substituted.

**73. (Cancelled)**

**74. (Previously Presented)** The peptide of claim 21, wherein F is unchanged or substituted by an aromatic amino acid.

**75. (Withdrawn)** The peptide of claim 22, wherein X<sub>1</sub> is deleted or is a natural or unnatural amino acid residue.

**76. (Withdrawn)** The peptide of claim 22, wherein X<sub>2</sub> is a natural or unnatural amino acid residue having an aromatic or aliphatic side chain.

**77. (Withdrawn)** The peptide of claim 22, wherein X<sub>3</sub> is a basic residue, or an uncharged natural or unnatural amino acid residue.

**78. (Withdrawn)** The peptide of claim 22, wherein arginine is replaced by a basic residue or an uncharged natural or unnatural amino acid residue.

**79. (Withdrawn)** The peptide of claim 22, wherein X<sub>4</sub> is a natural or unnatural amino acid residue, or an amino acid residue capable of forming a cyclic linkage.

**80. (Withdrawn)** The peptide of claim 22, wherein leucine is replaced with a natural or unnatural amino acid residue having an aromatic or aliphatic side chain.

**81. (Cancelled)**

82. **(Withdrawn)** The peptide of claim 22, wherein phenylalanine is replaced with a natural or unnatural amino acid.

83. **(Withdrawn)** The peptide of claim 22, wherein X<sub>5</sub> and the terminal phenylalanine residue are reversed.

84. **(Cancelled)**

85. **(Currently Amended)** A peptide consisting of the formula[[;]]:

X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>2</sub>X<sub>3</sub>RX<sub>4</sub>LX<sub>5</sub>F (SEQ ID No. 2)

wherein X<sub>5</sub> is selected from the group consisting of glycine, isoleucine, norleucine, norvaline, cyclohexylalanine (Cha), phenylalanine and 1-naphthylalanine (1Nal), and wherein:

- (a) X<sub>1</sub> is deleted or is a natural or unnatural amino acid,
- (b) X<sub>2</sub> is serine or alanine or a straight or branched chain amino acid,
- (c) X<sub>3</sub> is a basic amino acid or straight chain aliphatic amino acid,
- (d) R is unchanged or conservatively substituted by a basic amino acid,
- (e) X<sub>4</sub> is an amino acid that is capable of providing at least one site for participating in hydrogen bonding,
- (f) L is unchanged or conservatively substituted, [[or]]and
- (g) Ephenylalanine is replaced by leucine, cyclohexylalanine (Cha), homophenylalanine (Hof), tyrosine, para-fluorophenylalanine (pFPhe), meta-fluorophenylalanine (mFPhe), tryptophan, [[i]]1-naphthylalanine (1Nal), 2-naphthylalanine (2Nal), biphenylalanine (Bip) or 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid (Tic).

86. **(Currently Amended)** A peptide consisting of the formula[[;]]:

X<sub>1</sub>X<sub>2</sub>X<sub>3</sub>RX<sub>4</sub>LX<sub>5</sub>F (SEQ ID No. 2)

wherein  $X_5$  is selected from the group consisting of glycine, isoleucine, norleucine, norvaline, cyclohexylalanine (Cha), phenylalanine and 1-naphthylalanine (1Nal), and wherein:

- (a)  $X_1$  is deleted or is a natural or unnatural amino acid,
- (b)  $X_2$  is selected from alanine, glycine, amino butyric acid (Abu), norvaline (Nva), t-butylglycine (Bug), valine, isoleucine, phenylglycine (Phg) or phenylalanine,
- (c)  $X_3$  is a basic amino acid or straight chain aliphatic amino acid,
- (d) R is unchanged or conservatively substituted by a basic amino acid,
- (e)  $X_4$  is an amino acid that is capable of providing at least one site for participating in hydrogen bonding,
- (f) L is unchanged or conservatively substituted, [[or]]and
- (g) F is unchanged or substituted by an aromatic amino acid.

87. **(Previously Presented)** The peptide of claim 21, wherein the arginine is replaced by lysine, citrulline (Cit), homoserine, histidine, norleucine (Nle) or glutamine.

88. **(Previously Presented)** The peptide of claim 21, wherein the leucine is replaced by norleucine, norvaline, cyclohexylalanine (Cha), phenylalanine or 1-naphthylalanine (1Nal).